

DENNIS-YARMOUTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of a School Committee Meeting
Monday, February 6, 2023

A Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee meeting was held on Monday, February 6, 2023, at the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School Library in South Yarmouth, Massachusetts.

Members Present: Joseph Tierney, Chairperson; Jeni Landers, Vice Chairperson; Phillip Morris; Marilyn Bemis; Student Representative Kristen Stagg; Student Representative Rose-Anna Joachim.

Members Not Present: Jennifer Rose, Secretary; Tomas Tolentino, Treasurer; Joe Glynn.

Others Present: Carol Woodbury, Superintendent of Schools; David Flynn, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations; Eileen Whalen, Recording Secretary to the School Committee; Betsy Pontius, Director of STEM Instruction; Sherry Santini, Director of Humanities and the Arts; Michael Bovino, Principal, Mattacheese Middle School; Timothy Blake, Principal, Nathaniel Wixon School; Kevin Depin, Principal, Ezra H. Baker Innovation School; Michelle Dunn, DYE.

At 6:35 p.m., Joseph Tierney, Chairperson, called the meeting to order.

On a motion by Jeni Landers, seconded by Phillip Morris and carried unanimously 4-0, it was

VOTED: To move the Student Representative Reports to first on the agenda.

Reports:

Student Representative Report – Kristen Stagg and Rose-Anna Joachim

Rose-Anna reported on winter sports; many of the teams have been very successful this season. Voices Heard will be holding a Black History Month event. Many student artists have had their work showcased at a University of Massachusetts Art Exhibition. Kristen reported that Semester 2 has begun; auditions for *Chicago* were held recently; the All-Cape Music Festival was wonderful and many Dennis-Yarmouth students performed both in the chorus and the band. The Guidance Department recently held scholarship meetings with seniors which went very well.

At 6:40 p.m., Chair Tierney opened the public budget hearing.

Public Hearing

A. Presentation of FY 2024 Budget

David Flynn, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations

Carol Woodbury, Superintendent

Mr. Flynn presented information on the FY2024 Budget noting that the information is the same as he presented 2 weeks prior. He reminded the Committee that the governor has until March 1st to release the Governor's budget. He then reviewed the Student Enrollment Data; Selected Populations; College Plans; Budget Timeline Key Dates; Foundation Enrollment; State Aid Update; Revenue Variables; and Budget Priorities. Priorities would be to maintain

a level-service budget retaining current staffing level. Contractual increases are expected in Special Needs Tuition and Services; Transportation; Health Insurance; Property and Liability Insurance; Facilities, Grounds, Utilities; and Retirement and Medicare Tax. Mr. Flynn also reviewed the Debt Service. He also reported that he recently reviewed the DESE function codes as they relate to each staff member in the district and updated where necessary.

B. Public Comment

Michelle Dunn commented that she disagrees that this is a level service budget. She said that the substantially separate programs at Mattacheese and Wixon are going to be combined when they move into the new school. She added that the school psychologist retired and has not been replaced.

Public Comment ended at 7:04 p.m.

C. School Committee Comment

Phillip Morris asked Mrs. Woodbury and Mr. Flynn what kind of reaction they have been receiving from the Finance Committees and Select Boards from the two towns; meetings with both are upcoming. Ms. Landers referenced Slide 9, State Aid Increases, and expressed hope that the trend continues. Mr. Tierney asked about the transportation contract; the last contract was a 3-year contract with two one-year extensions. Mr. Flynn referenced the solar credits at Wixon.

D. Close the Hearing

At 7:23 p.m., Chair Tierney closed the Public Hearing and returned to the remainder of the regular agenda.

Superintendent Woodbury gave a shout-out to Technology Director Ross Bryant for the new microphone/sound system set-up for School Committee meetings. She also gave a shout-out to the D-Y Maintenance Department for their hard work and preparation for the recent extreme cold.

Reports (continued)

School Building Committee Report – Joseph Tierney

Mr. Tierney said that punch lists, testing, and inspections continue and that the building is on track for students and staff to start on March 1st. Mr. Flynn added that final inspection is scheduled for this coming Thursday. Mrs. Woodbury told the Committee that plans are in the works for Mattacheese and Wixon staff and students to tour the new building prior to March 1st.

School Committee Liaisons to the Boards of Selectmen

Dennis: No report.

Yarmouth: No report.

School Committee Business

On a motion by Jeni Landers, seconded by Phillip Morris, and carried 4-0, it was

VOTED: To approve the following items as presented in the Consent Agenda:

Field Trip Approval

Move to approve an overnight field trip for the DY Winter Guard to attend the WGI Regional Competition in Salem, Massachusetts from Saturday, February 18 to Sunday, February 19, 2023.

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Bills, Requisitions, and Payroll

Bills, requisitions, and payroll were signed by the School Committee.

Calendars

The upcoming calendars were included in the packet.

Items Distributed at Meeting

FY 2024 Initial Budget Proposal

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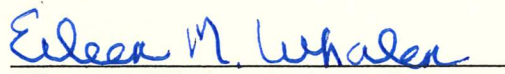
None

Adjournment

At 7:32 p.m., on a motion by Jeni Landers, seconded by Marilyn Bemis, and carried unanimously 4-0; it was

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting.

Minutes recorded and prepared by,


Eileen M. Whalen, Assistant Secretary